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## Regarding the Pacific Railroad Debts.

## EVADES MORGAN'S QUESTIONS

## The Road Made Money During the Ten Years It Was Without Competition.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—After a session of two weeks the senate committee on Pacific railroads today resumed consideration of the Pacific railway debt question. Mr. Huntington was present but Senator Morgan was absent at the beginning of the hearing. John Rooney, a representative of the junior bondholders, was permitted to file a brief in opposition to the plans heretofore offered for the reorganization of the Pacific roads. He advocated a consolidation of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific assets on an equitable basis for a cash payment of the first and second mortgages, and for the management by the government of commission of a foreclosure and reorganization of these properties.

When Morgan appeared a linguistic contest between himself and Huntington began.

Huntington, when asked as to his objection to the Patton report, replied that he objected to it as a whole. He admitted that he had been before the commission, but contended that the commission had certain theories to carry out and did not permit him to make his statements. "I know," said he, "all about the building of the Central Pacific."

"It is not so much about the building of the road," replied Morgan, "as it is about who is to build it."

"We did not," responded Huntington, "make any more than we were allowed to make under the statutes."

"Morgan," said Huntington, "the purpose of the bill is to divide what two were interested in exactly in the middle."

Morgan—"Can you do that when you are on one side and the people on the other?"

Huntington—"I can."

Morgan—"I am going to give you a chance before we get through."

Referring to the construction of the Southern Pacific to Yuma, Arizona, Huntington said that Morgan was interested in that transaction, and he (Huntington) had nothing to do with the disposal of its assets.

"Did you not," asked Morgan, "buy Mr. Morgan's house in San Francisco?"

"I did."

"And did you not find Colton's papers in the house?"

"I found wall paper there."

"But did you not find private papers there?"

"I did not find any papers."

"If you charge me with that I will answer."

"It is charged by men who have written me, men as good as I am."

"If you are going to answer me, Huntington, you are going to answer me."

Huntington contended with much emphasis that he had never found any of Colton's papers in the house nor destroyed any of them.

Huntington was examined as to his partnership with Mark Hopkins in the hardware business in San Francisco.

He declared that the hardware business was in no way connected as a partnership with the railroad business. The firm, he said, owned about 2000 shares which were divided between them as individuals. He said Morgan was asking too much when he asked him to give details of business transactions of that nature.

There had been no general settlement of his and Hopkins' account upon the latter's death, but Mrs. Hopkins had gone on as a representative of her husband's interests in railroad.

Huntington said in reply to questions that he had considerable means outside of that invested in the hardware business which he put into the construction of the railroad.

He said, however, remember how much actual money he had put into that construction. Still he was confident the amount was considerable. He had bought, he thought, about 2000 shares of the stock at the rate of \$400 per share.

He said the road reached New Castle. He had also put money into the Contract and Finance Company, by which the road was continued.

More than \$500,000 had been put into the company by himself and his associates, but much of the money had been borrowed, some of it on government bonds. He resented with some show of indignation a question brought up that it was built in the way that the company who had conducted the construction, saying that the company, with resources legitimately placed at his command, had constructed it.

He added that the road without any government assistance.

Mr. Morgan complained in this connection that Mr. Huntington was too much inclined to give opinions as to facts, but he was giving all the facts he had.

He said that 740 miles of the road had been built in seven years; that \$25,000,000 in bonds had been received from the government; that first mortgage bonds issued for \$25,000,000 more, and that there was \$80,000,000 worth of stock. He said he would not do the work again for twice the amount received.

Taking up the report of the Patton commission, Mr. Huntington said that part of the road west of Ogden from Bonneville table to Promontory mountain had cost \$27,000 per mile, but the commission had put the price at \$40,000. He said the date of the investigation was the date of the report. This part of the road had been built by the Union Pacific and afterwards been purchased by the Central Pacific for the purpose of getting into the Salt Lake valley.

Mr. Huntington said the road paid well for the first ten years and until the Atchison and Northern Pacific had come in as competitors.

Mr. Morgan asked why the dividends had not been put into a sinking fund and used in paying the government and first mortgage debt, to which Mr. Huntington replied that it might have been done "except for the money lost."

"Such things are not done," he added, "the stock was entitled to its dividend. Furthermore, the government had interfered with the purpose to do this through the Thurman act."

Mr. Huntington said he could remember how much money he had received on account of the dividends but he did not think that the amount was large. He thought the dividends had never exceeded 10 per cent.

He said that Mr. Morgan had said that Huntington obtained his dividends principally through his interest in the Finance and Contract Company. He admitted that this company had used a part of its assets in building the road, but there were other interests in the Central Pacific Company. The Contract and Finance Company had begun to sell its stock when it began to appreciate and this was done in order to pay the debts, which were now at \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000.

He had disposed of a great deal of the stock for this purpose. The price of the stock sold had ranged in price from 10 to 35 cents.

Senator Morgan referred to the fact that in the stock market the result of manipulation was that Mr. Huntington took exception to the use of the word, "He said there had been no manipulation."

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The first was, instead of one long, heavy steel column over Judge Carter's court room, there be three smaller columns supporting the roof.

The next change was more in the nature of an addition. It was proposed to give six additional rooms to support the old ones, and they are there yet. The six new ones will make twelve in all. They are heavy iron pillars from the ground to the base of the dome. The plan was adopted without a dissenting vote.

But one important point was brought out, which caused the supervisors to look at each other and wonder what was coming next.

Mr. McLean agreed to put them in, just like the old ones, for \$300 each. The surprise lay in the fact that the old ones had cost the county \$1000 each.

The only conclusion was that the county had paid from ten to fifteen times as much for the old ones as should have been paid.

The old pillars were put in by Smith Brothers. Mr. McLean's proposal was to put in three pillars for each of the old ones.

Supervisor Rose was present at the session of the board yesterday. He is yet far from being a well man.

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## THE EMERGENCY CALL.

The Percentage of Attendance of the Two Companies.

The excellent showing made by Fresno's two military companies might be a subject for congratulation.

Company (C) made a showing of 100 per cent. Every member of the company of 60 men was present.

Company (F) percentage of attendance was 70 per cent. The excuse made for the six absentees was as follows: Two absent in Mariposa county; one in Hanford; one sick; and one on the present; one left for the West side four hours before call was issued and he could not be notified; one at Santa Rita, thirty miles from Fresno.

It will be seen that these excuses were perfectly satisfactory, considering the fact that only four hours' notice was given for the call.

General Miller was present at the time of the call with the following members of his staff: Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Miller, Captain Frank P. J. Hay and Captain G. A. Miller. The regimental officers present were Lieutenant Colonel S. C. Wright, Major C. Chisholm, Captain O. Scribner, Captain T. N. Russell and Sergeant E. Magoe.

CHANGES AND PROMOTIONS.

Wells, Fargo & Co. Appoint Colonel Wightman's Successor.

Several changes have been made in Wells, Fargo & Co.'s office in this city on account of the death of Colonel Wightman. H. V. Arncliffe has been appointed agent. W. C. Crockett cashier, Herman Hinds clerk, R. T. Maxwell deputy clerk.

Mr. Arncliffe has been in the Fresno office nine years and has since the death of Colonel Wightman.

Three More Japs Arrested.

Three more Japs were arrested yesterday on complaint of J. Lisekann for keeping their wives in houses of ill-repute. Justice Austin released the defendants on their own recognizance.

Jack Welty's Mine.

Jack Welty, formerly a deputy constable in this city but now of Mariposa county, is in Fresno on a visit.

A ROAD FENCED UP.

THE SUPERVISORS WILL HAVE IT OPENED.

Probability That It Will Be Asked for by the Valley Road.

Supervisor Rose was present at the session of the board yesterday. He is yet far from being a well man.

Various road matters came before the board, the chief of which were the following: The petition of W. D. Grady and others for a road was acted upon by the appointment of County Surveyor George L. Hoxie, L. R. Williams and A. J. Shields as viewers.

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## DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VETO.

Grand Jurors' Claims Are Scaled Down.

The Board of Supervisors decline to allow members of the late grand jury pay for the last five days of their session on the ground that they were not a legal body during that time.

The grand jury was drawn January 25th, and the last five days of their session were held over until February 1st. District Attorney Snow advised the supervisors not to pay wages for these five days, and the supervisors are acting upon that advice.

John S. Dore's claim was presented yesterday. He was foreman of the jury, and it is presumed that his case will be made the test. The claim was sent to the district attorney's office for approval, and it was returned with the recommendation that it be paid, except for the last five days, and that should not be paid for the reason that Mr. Dore was not a member of the grand jury during that time.

It is understood that the members of the grand jury will not let the matter rest at that, but will appeal from the decision of the supervisors to the court.

SUBMITTED ON BRIEFS.

The Suit of the City Against the Canal Company.

The trial of the suit of the city against the Fresno Canal and Irrigation and the Fresno Milling Company for \$30,000, was yesterday concluded in Judge Carter's court.

The case was submitted on briefs, the plaintiff to have fifteen days to file the first brief, the Canal Company fifteen days, and the Milling Company fifteen days more for its brief. Then the Canal Company and the city will have five days additional for filing the final brief.

A POWERFUL PUMP.

BRING PUT UP AT THE CITY WATER WORKS.

It Will Run by Electricity—Power Will Shortly Be Sent Over the Wires.

On April 21 it will have been one year since the incorporation of the San Joaquin Electric Company, and by that time it is expected that the current will be turned on and the wheels will start.

Work is going forward in many places. Perhaps the most important item at present is the electrical machinery which will pump water for the city water works. A new and powerful pump is being set in place. This pump will be operated by electricity and the present pump and engines will be left just as they are. They will be kept constantly in repair, although not in use. In case of an accident to any part of the electrical machinery requiring it to shut down, the water works will be able to start on steam as soon as the pump is in place. The precaution goes still further. There are two complete engines and boilers, and if one breaks the other can be called into service. Nor does the precaution stop here. In case the water tower should give way—an eventuality within range of possibilities—the pumps are arranged to force water directly into the tower.

The work at the power house is nearing completion. The waterwheels and dynamos are in place, and they need only adjusting. The ventilation system is being set up.

A large number of arc lamps have arrived, and wagon loads of supplies for wiring and interior work.

Court Notes.

The following matters were disposed of in the several departments of the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE EISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1. F. H. Bailey vs. Edgar A. Cohen et al., Monday next in set as day for setting bill of exceptions.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. vs. B. R. Wordworth; defendants have judgment for costs, the findings to be prepared within five days.

BEFORE JUDGE WEBB, DEPARTMENT 3. James Porteous vs. J. M. Martin et al.; motion for change of venue denied; demurrer overruled and ordered transferred to department 2.

J. T. Goodman vs. James P. McCarthy; judgment for plaintiff in \$1000, with costs; demurrer to complaint taken under advisement.

Edward A. Von Schmidt vs. Alfred W. Von Schmidt; order of receiver taken under advisement.

Henry Larson vs. Griffin-Skelley Company; motion for new trial taken under advisement.

BEFORE JUDGE CARTER, DEPARTMENT 2. James Wheeler vs. —Kamee; continued.

City of Fresno vs. Fresno Canal and Irrigation Company; on trial.

The Plaintiff Was a Minor.

The suit of Benjamin Goodman against Grant Stores was called for trial in Justice St. John's court yesterday. The colored population of Fresno turned out to witness the event. Goodman's suit was for \$9000 for labor performed. It is pleaded in the trial, however, that the plaintiff is a minor and therefore not entitled under the law to file a suit. The case was accordingly dismissed.

The suit must be brought by the guardian of the plaintiff.

PERSONAL.

Joseph S. Bretz of Toll House is in Fresno.

## CONTRACT AWARDED

Electric Lights to Burn All Night.

NEW COMPANY'S BID ACCEPTED.

Meeting of City Trustees—Contractor Goodfellow's Laborers—Sever Flushing.

The city trustees will award the contract for the street lighting to the San Joaquin Electric Company. The lights are to burn every night from dusk to daylight, regardless of moonlight.

This decision was arrived at yesterday when the board met as a committee to consider the matter. The contract will be awarded formally at the next regular meeting. The contract is to take effect on April 15th and to run for one year. It was decided to increase the number of arc lights from forty-three to fifty immediately when the new contract takes effect.

The cost of the new lights will be \$4.45 each a month, or \$3.35 less per lamp than the city has been paying on the old schedule. The trustees were unanimous in regard to the proposition of burning the lights all night and every night. There would be a saving of only \$1.50 a lamp to run them on the moonlight schedule 12 o'clock; only 50 cents a lamp to run them all night on the moonlight schedule.

The new lamps will be of 2000-candle power while the present ones are only 1200. A good, steady light is promised. The board took no action in regard to the proposed change in the number of arc lights. The new company will not set a number of them up to show the board their merits. If the board decides that the money can be expended to better advantage in arc lights it will do so. The estimated cost of the new lights will be \$25 each per month.

The informal meeting was held with closed doors in the office of the street superintendent and was in session three hours. It did not appear to discuss the light question, but other matters occupied the most of the time. One was the payment of Contractor Goodfellow's laborers and the other the flushing of the sewer.

It was decided to refer the Goodfellow matter to City Attorney Moultrie with instructions to take steps to effect a settlement in the best interests of all concerned. A committee of claims filed by the laborers. The city attorney will confer with the laborers' attorneys, and the trustees desire an amicable settlement made.

Of course any action which the city attorney might take will have to be approved by the board before the consummation of the plan or agreement can be reached.

We decided to advertise for bids for water for flushing the sewers. The idea of the city establishing a pumping plant of its own has been abandoned. It is understood that there are two or three plans for building plants which can be established on the flood pipe line. It would not be a very expensive undertaking, as surface water can be used and a moderate quantity of water would be required. The city will also have an opportunity to put in a bid.

THE COLLEGE SOCIAL.

A Pleasant Evening Spent at De Witt Hall.

The members of the literary society of the Fresno Business College gave a pleasant entertainment Friday evening at De Witt Hall. Everyone who has had the privilege of attending these socials is familiar with the good feeling and jollity that prevails, and this last was no exception.

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## THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

As the Marceaus Appear in Their Latest Role.

OUR EXPENSIVE IRON PILLARS.

Why the Goddess Went on a Jag. Who Mr. Pollasky is—Some Small Shot.

The Marceaus have again erupted, and the lava and scoria of their fiery nature are all about the dejected public. The Marceau volcano has been somewhat quiet for eruptions in the past, but the present outbreak appears to be one of particular vigor, and its fumes are unaccountably distressing to the olfactory nerve. Nevertheless for some time to come the reading public will have its daily allowance of these fumes.

Personally, my admiration for the Marceaus is exceedingly subdued. I prefer to buy my coffee at a store. This, however, is entirely a matter of taste. I do not wish to do them an injustice, and no I say that in their latest eccentric display, they are simply obeying the law of their nature, which is the law of sensationalism. Their life volume is bound in red leather, and its pages all have gilt edges. There is no more to be said, but the binding is elegant.

Of course Dame Gossip has wagged her thousand tongues, and every individual tongue of them all has said: "What a man! What a man!" etc. But Dame Gossip has a way of wagging her tongues out of tune and reason, and it may be that she has done so in this case. It is unjust to her to say that she is wrong, but it is true that what Mr. Marceau allows Mrs. Marceau to do.

Moreover, the Palace hotel employees' labor statement. To be sure, the evidence for the defendant may be prejudicial to the plaintiff, but the plaintiff is entitled to the benefit of the doubt. In your mind it may be a large or a small doubt, but it is here in an event.

But with what a dismal thud do earth's rockets fall! Married three years ago with all scenic display, with pomp and ceremony and with the National Guard of California as interested and admiring spectators of the event! And now?

On the whole, my Horatio, you will do well to pay more attention to what is in the book, and less attention to its binding.

On the little dappled goddess on the court-house in the park.

Was she so prominent about one evening after dark?

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## FRUIT MEN ORGANIZE

A Horticultural Society Formed.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS.

Proposed Cannery for Fresno—Sentiment Against Consigning to Eastern Brokers.

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN.

The Buildings Have Been Thoroughly Disinfected.

The Board of Education announces that all the city schools will reopen Monday morning, and requests parents to see to it that there is a full attendance.

The school buildings and premises have been thoroughly disinfected and are now ready for the opening of the new school year. The health officer reports that there is no danger of infection from this source. The health officer reports that there is no danger of infection from this source.

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